

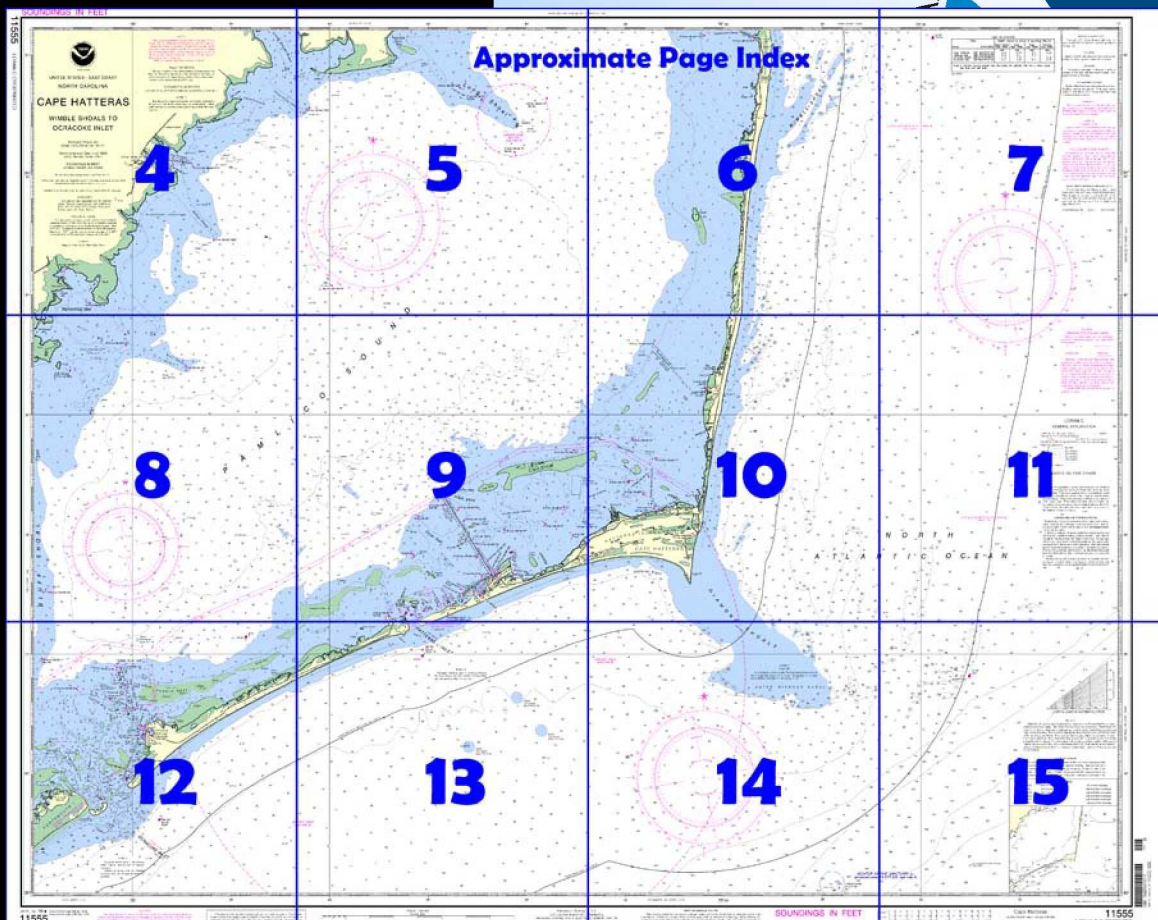
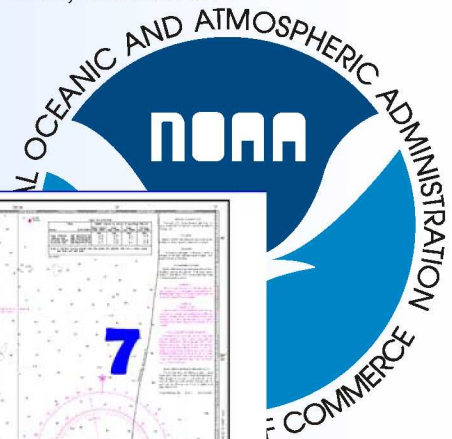
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Cape Hatteras - Wimble Shoals to Ocracoke Inlet (NOAA Chart 11555)



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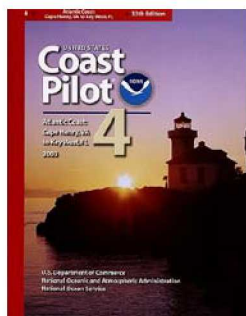
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[Coast Pilot 4, Chapter 4 excerpts]

(60) **Diamond Shoals** extend off Cape Hatteras. Depths of 3 feet have been found. **Hatteras Shoals**, with little water over them, are usually marked by breakers. **Outer Diamond Shoal**, with depths of 3 to 18 feet, are marked by breakers. A buoy marks the east extremity of Outer Diamond Shoal.

(61) Hydrography is not charted on Diamond Shoals due to the changeable nature. Navigation is extremely hazardous for all types of craft.

(63) The wreckage of the Civil War Ironclad **MONITOR**, 7.7 miles south of the eastern limit of Diamond Shoals, has been designated **USS Monitor National Marine Sanctuary**.

(65) **Hatteras Inlet** is entered over a shifting bar; local knowledge is recommended. The approach is marked by a lighted buoy; buoys marking the channel over the bar are not charted because they are frequently

shifted. An 88-foot tower showing a white light on the east side of the inlet is a conspicuous mark.

(66) **Hatteras** has stores, motels, and restaurants. **Hatteras Inlet Coast Guard Station** is on **Austin Creek**. There are wharves in the basin at Hatteras where berths, gasoline, diesel fuel, and marine supplies can be obtained.

(67) **Hatteras Inlet Channel** leads to **Rollinson Channel**. The depth was 6 feet. The channel is marked by lights, buoys, and daybeacons. A side channel to Austin Creek had a depth of 5½ feet to the Coast Guard pier and ferry landing. The creek channel is marked by two lights.

(71) The tidal currents in the channel through the inlet attain velocities of about 2 knots.

(167) **Pamlico Sound**. On the east it is separated from the ocean by a barrier beach from Oregon Inlet to Portsmouth Island. To the west it is joined by the Pamlico and Neuse Rivers, and to the south by Core Sound. Oregon, Hatteras, and Ocracoke Inlets pierce the beach, giving access to the ocean, but all are blocked by inside bars with little water over them.

(168) Numerous fishtraps, stakes, and pound nets have been reported in Pamlico Sound; some may be submerged. Small craft should use caution.

(169) **Pamlico**. General depths in the middle of the sound are 14 to 24 feet; shoals extend miles from shore in many places. **Bluff Shoal**, northward of Ocracoke Inlet, has 7 to 12 feet over it and extends across the sound. It is marked by a light. A dangerous wreck, covered 4 feet, is close northward of the light.

(170) In the exposed parts of the sound, strong winds from any direction raise a short, choppy sea uncomfortable to small craft and dangerous to open boats; protected anchorage for small craft can be found in the bays along the northern shore, and along the southern shore in sloughs which lead to sheltered berths in the lee of shoals. Middletown Anchorage and the anchorage in the bight formed by the hook of Royal Shoal can be made either day or night.

(175) **Avon**. A channel leads from Pamlico Sound to the basin at Avon. The controlling depth was ½ foot, thence 6 feet in the basin. The channel is marked by lights. Gasoline and diesel fuel are available at a fishhouse landing in the basin.

(176) **Cape Channel**. Local knowledge is advised. The channel is partially marked by lights and daybeacons.

(178) **Rollinson Channel**; leading from Pamlico Sound to the basin at Hatteras. The midchannel depth was 4 feet, thence 6 feet in the basin. Shoaling to 1 foot was reported in the northeast part of the basin. The channel is marked by lights. The lights are difficult to distinguish from the background lights on shore.

(180) **Far Creek**. A channel leads from the sound to the basin **Engelhard**. The midchannel depth was 6 feet to the basin, thence 11 feet in the basin. The channel is marked by lights and daybeacons.

(181) An oil dock and piers, with depths of 7 to 12 feet alongside, are on the south side below Route 264 bridge at Engelhard. Gasoline, diesel fuel, ice, and marine supplies are available.

(182) **Middletown Anchorage** has depths of 9 to 13 feet and is sheltered from eastward by Gibbs Shoal, which has 1 to 4 feet over it. There is no shelter from southeasterly or southerly winds. The anchorage is easy of access. **Middletown** is reached by **Middletown Creek**. The reported depth over the bar was 3 feet. Gasoline is obtainable in the town.

(183) Caution should be used in approaching Middletown Anchorage at night, as the low marshy shore extends long distances from the woods.

(184) **Wysocking Bay** is a convenient anchorage for small craft drawing less than 5 feet when following the north shore. The bay had depths of 5 feet from the entrance to its head. The entrance is obstructed by shoals. Daybeacons and lights mark the channel that leads northward of **Gull Shoal** and into the bay.

(185) **Nebraska Canal**. The canal is marked by a light at its entrance, and had a depth of 1 foot. Local knowledge is advised in the canal.

Table of Selected Chart Notes

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

Corrected through NM Apr. 8/06
Corrected through LNM Apr. 4/06

NOTE C

Ocracoke Inlet Channel and Teaches Hole Channel are subject to frequent changes. Numerous buoys are not charted because they are frequently shifted in position.

CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

NOTE B DANGER AREA

Area is open to unrestricted surface navigation but all vessels are cautioned neither to anchor, dredge, trawl, lay cables, bottom, nor conduct any other similar type of operation because of residual danger from mines on the bottom.

LOCAL MAGNETIC DISTURBANCE

Differences of as much as 8° from the normal variation have been observed at latitude 35°32.0'N. and longitude 75°21.2'W. Differences of as much as 3° from the normal variation have been observed 6 to 12 nautical miles offshore from Wimple Shoals to Cape Hatteras. Differences of as much as 11° from the normal variation have been observed 5 to 7 nautical miles offshore from Currituck Beach Light to Wimple Shoals.

NOTE D

Hatteras Inlet is subject to continual change. Entrance buoys are not charted because they are frequently shifted in position.

RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, and U.S. Coast Guard.

CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

CAUTION

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AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio station listed below provides continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Cape Hatteras, NC KIG-77 162.475 MHz

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Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

HORIZONTAL DATUM

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9960.....99,600 Microseconds

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SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

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Within the 12-nautical mile Territorial Sea, established by Presidential Proclamation, some Federal laws apply. The Three Nautical Mile Line, previously identified as the outer limit of the territorial sea, is retained as it continues to depict the jurisdictional limit of the other laws. The 9-nautical mile Natural Resource Boundary off the Gulf coast of Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico, and the Three Nautical Mile Line elsewhere remain in most cases the inner limit of Federal fisheries jurisdiction and the outer limit of the jurisdiction of the states. The 24-nautical mile Contiguous Zone and the 200-nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone were established by Presidential Proclamation. Unless fixed by treaty or the U.S. Supreme Court, these maritime limits are subject to modification.

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TIDAL INFORMATION

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Name (LAT/LONG)		feet	feet	feet	feet
Cape Hatteras (35°14'N/75°31'W)		3.5	3.2	0.1	-2.8
Hatteras Inlet (35°12'N/75°44'W)		2.3	2.1	0.1	---
Ocracoke Island (35°07'N/75°59'W)		1.1	1.0	---	-1.0
Ocracoke Inlet (35°04'N/76°01'W)		2.2	2.0	0.1	-2.0

Note: In Pamlico Sound, except near the inlets, the periodic tide has a mean range less than one-half foot.

(Jan 2005)

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UNITED STATES - EAST COAST
NORTH CAROLINA

CAPE HATTERAS

WIMBLE SHOALS TO
OCRACOKE INLET

Mercator Projection
Scale 1:80,000 at Lat. 35°17'

North American Datum of 1983
(World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET
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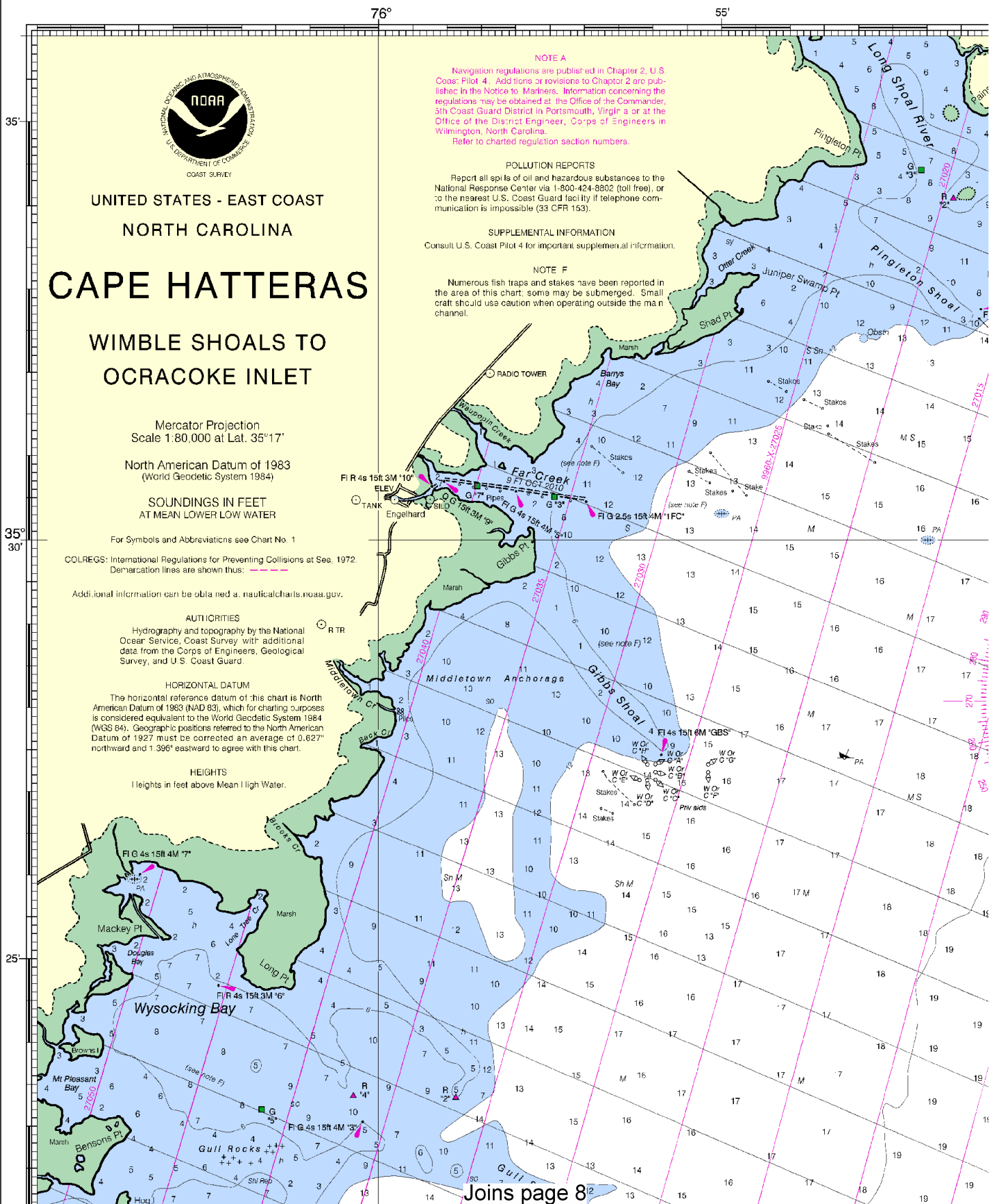
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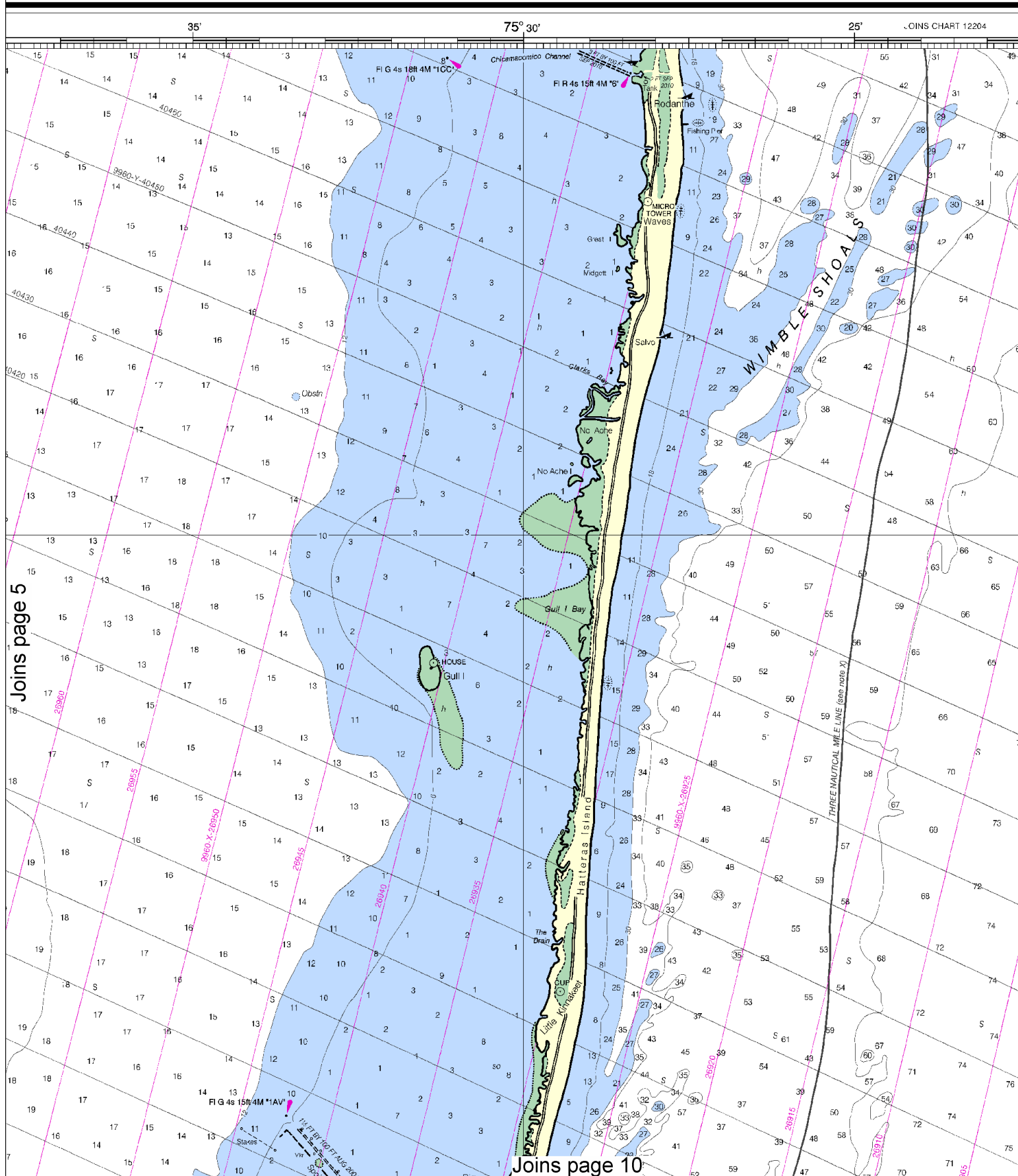
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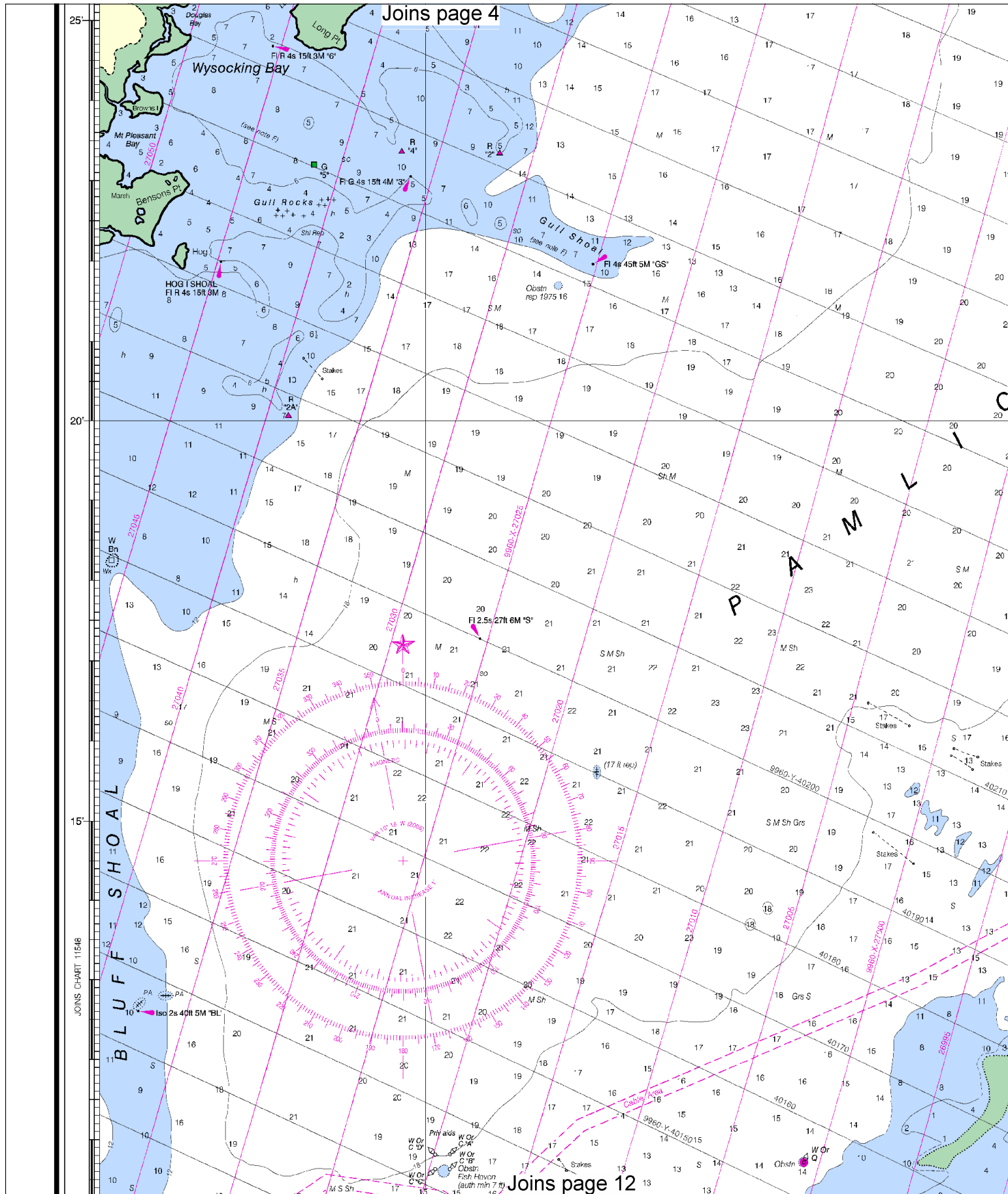
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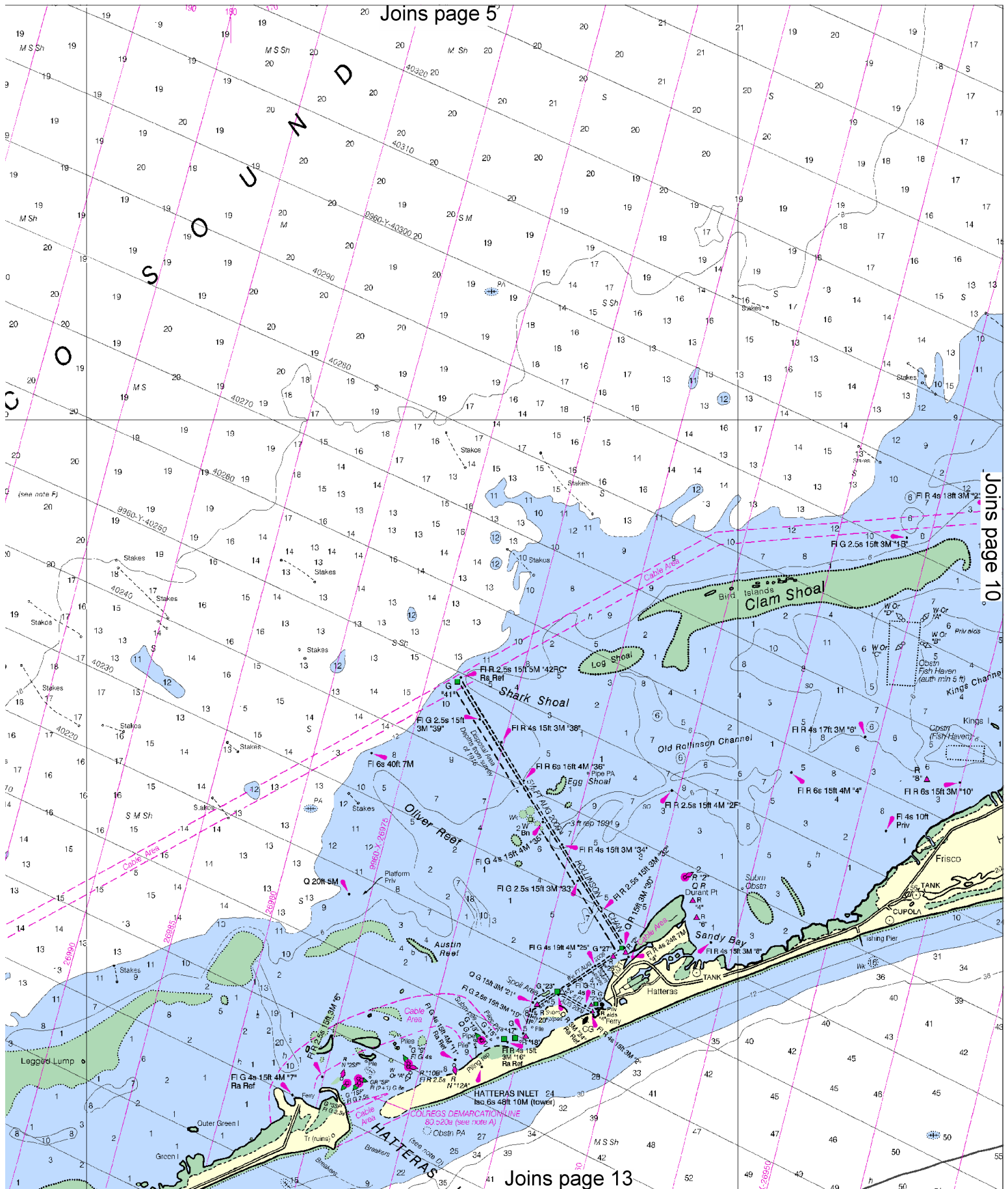


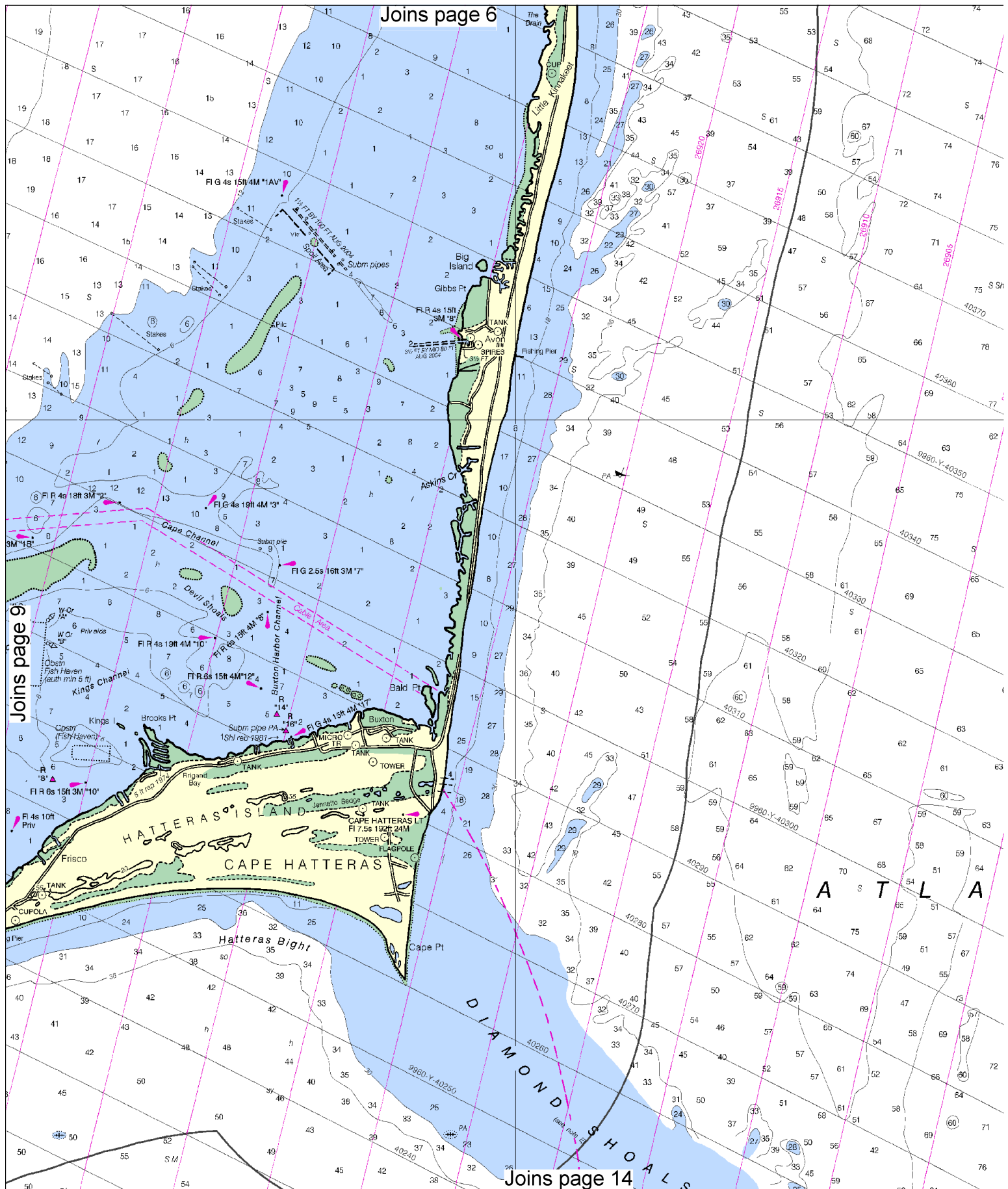


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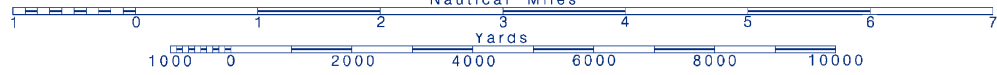
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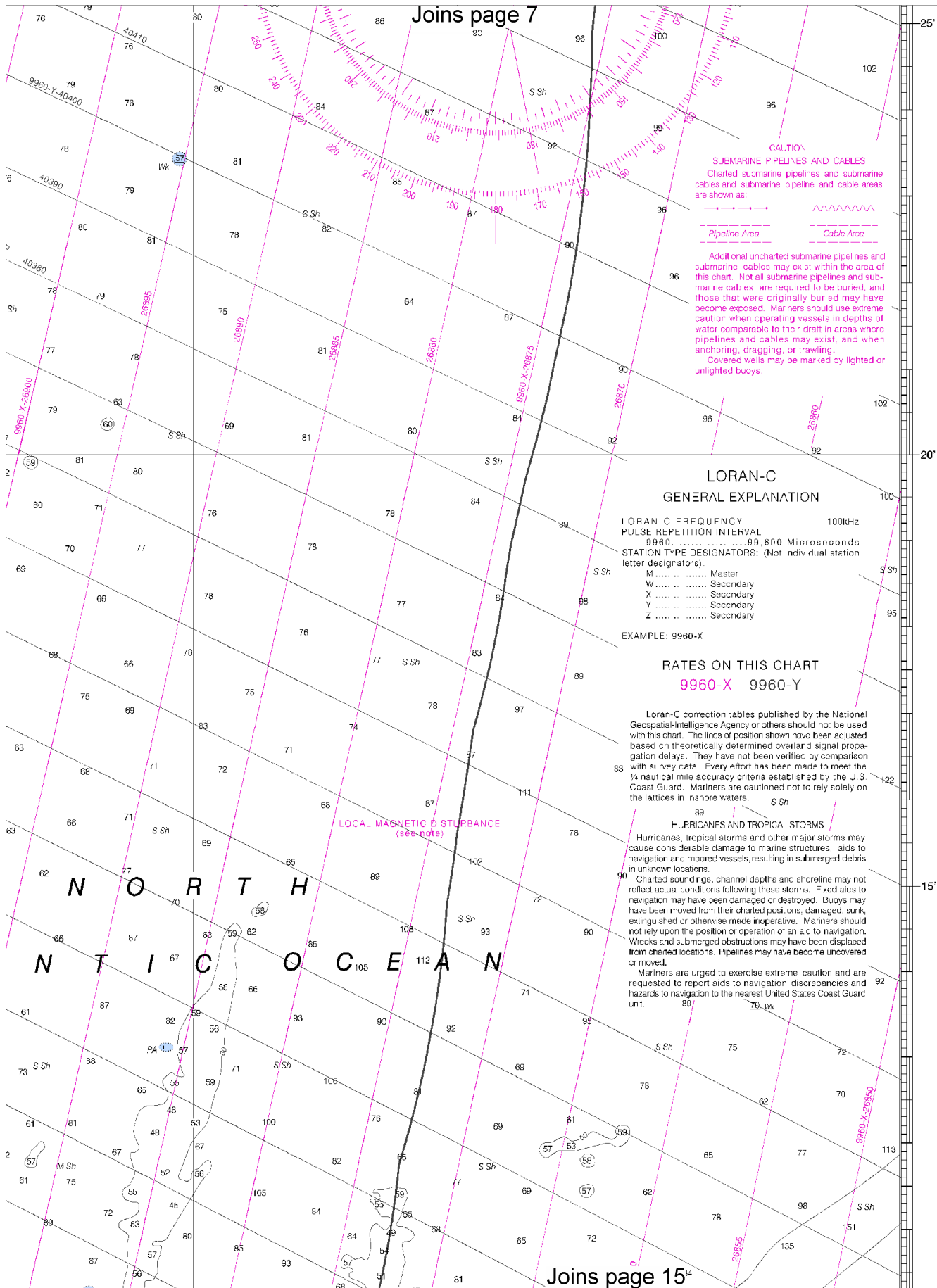


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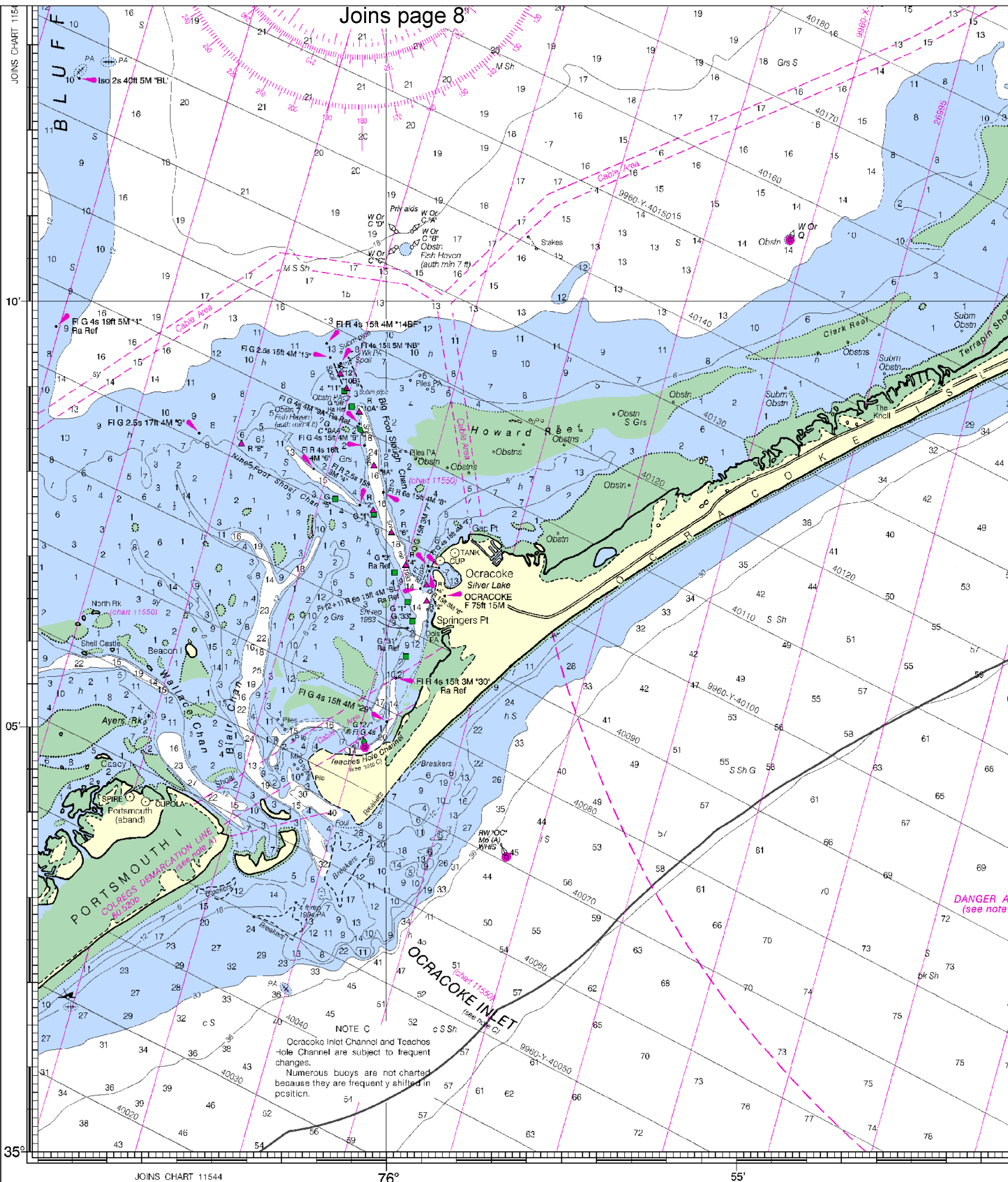
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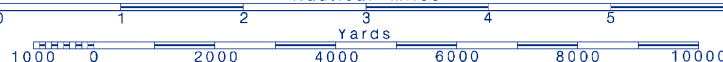
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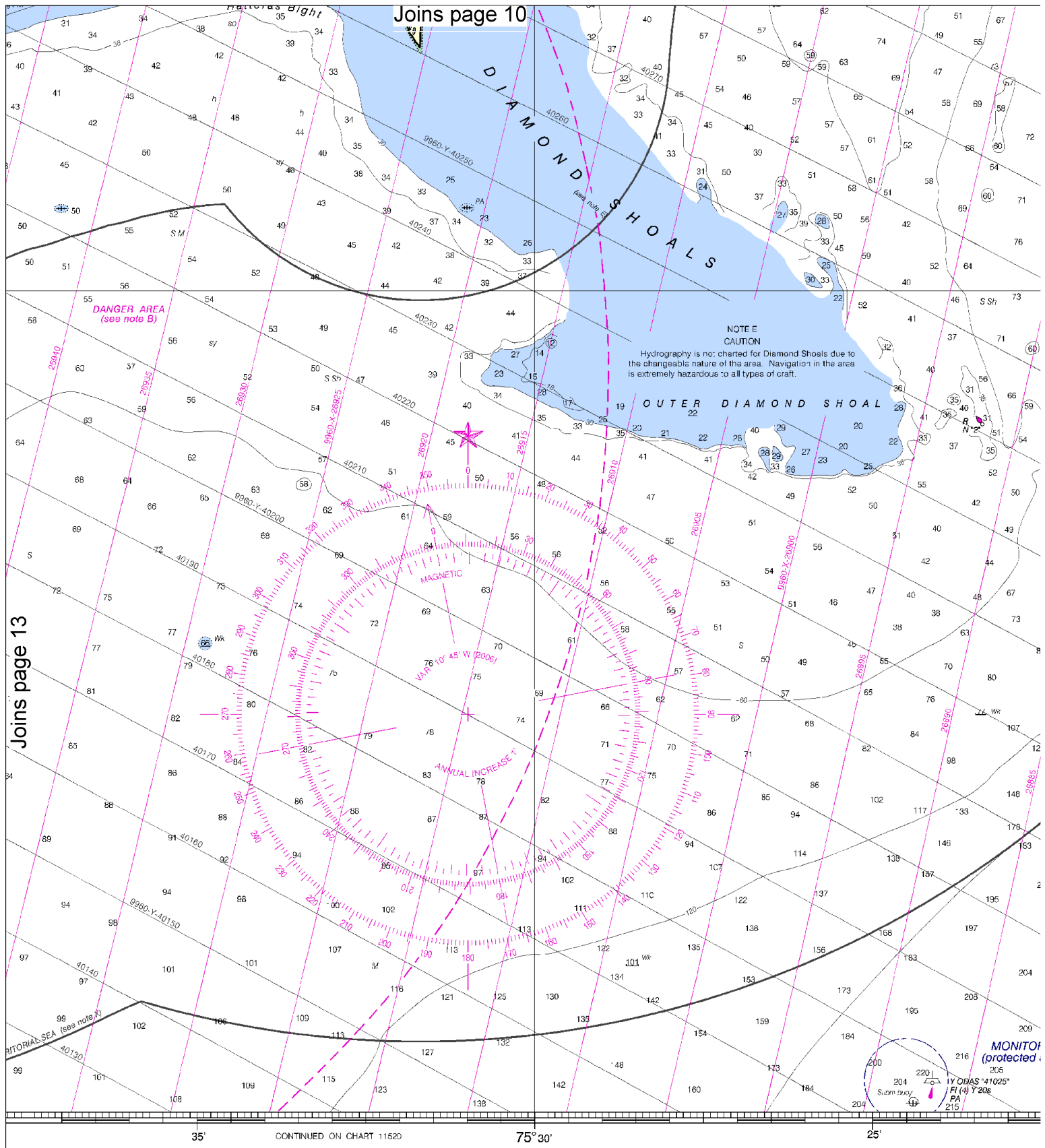
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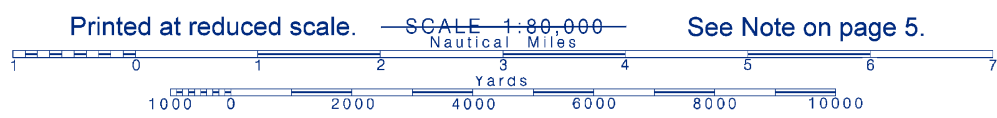


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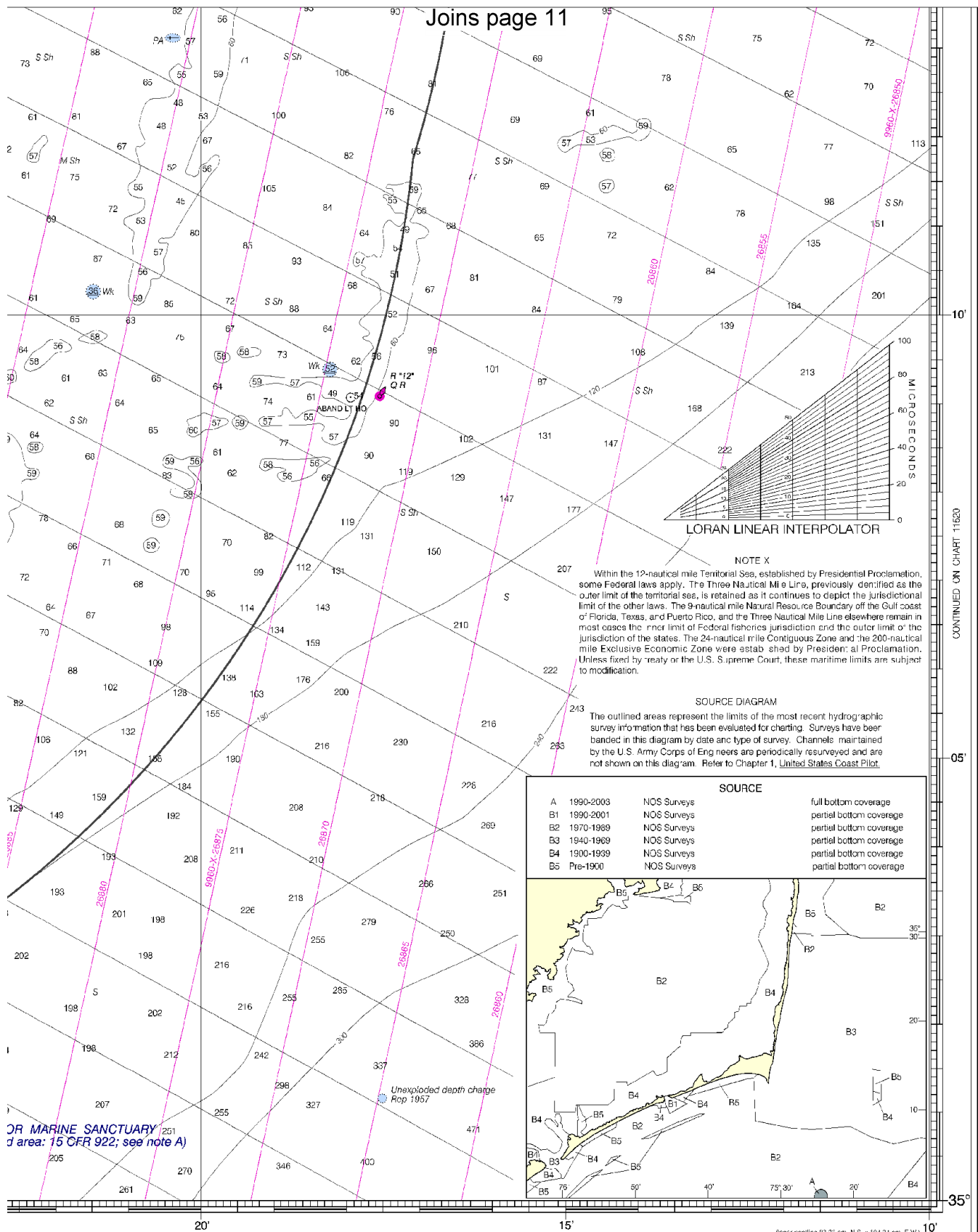
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**Channel 22A** – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

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### Distress Call Procedures

1. Make sure radio is on.
2. Select Channel 16.
3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
5. Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
6. Release transmit button.
7. Wait for 10 seconds – If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

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**Mobile Phones** – Call 911 for water rescue.

**Coast Guard Elizabeth City** – 919-335-6085/6086

**Coast Guard Oregon Inlet** – 252-441-6260

**Coast Guard Hatteras Inlet** – 919-986-2175/76

**NC Wildlife Resources Commission** – 800-662-7137

**NOAA Weather Radio** – 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz, 162.550 MHz.

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